**Supply of Killer Glucose to Punjab by Black Listed Firm**

3028. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMLY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the proprietors of a killer glucose firm have changed the name of their firm but are using the same factory and supply the same solution to Punjab;

(b) whether Government are also aware that both the old and new firms were blacklisted in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so; what steps Government propose to take to curb the activities of such killer firms?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Railway Projects in the North Eastern Region**

3029. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects sanctioned during the past five years for the North Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of them are being shelved;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the number of casual labour who are likely to be rendered surplus and Government plan to absorb them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The major projects sanctioned during the last five years for the North Eastern Region are construction of rail-cum-road bridge across river Brahmaputra at Jogighopa alongwith a new BG railway line from Jogighopa to Gauhati and conversion of Gauhati-Dibrugarh metre gauge line into broad gauge. None of these projects has been shelved.

(d) No casual labour of these projects are likely to be rendered surplus.

**Maintenance of rail track by private contractors**

3030. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance of railway track is being handed over to the private contractors;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of regular and casual railway workers who are likely to be rendered surplus, and what are the details of the plan for their absorption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Management of Cheriyanad Railway Station by Contractor**

3031. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published recently in Malayala Manorama about handing over of the management of Cheriyanad Railway station to a contractor; and